

# Suspension and Dismissal

## P-3112

### Stipulation and Order Suspending Proceedings to Effect Reconciliation (FA-4144)

This form is used to suspend (put on hold) the divorce/legal separation action for up to 90 days. Both parties must agree. If a temporary order is in effect, all orders are also suspended. Once the divorce/legal separation is suspended, the following options apply:

- **Reconcile (get back together):** If at any point during the suspension, the parties **agree** to reconcile, they may complete the **Stipulation and Order Dismissing Divorce/Legal Separation** (FA-4143) (see below) to end the divorce/legal separation action.
- **End the suspension and continue with the divorce/legal separation:** Either party may make this request at any time during the suspension. If so, he/she must complete the **Motion and Order to Revoke Suspension of Proceedings to Effect Reconciliation** (FA-4145) and mail a copy to the court and the other spouse. All temporary orders previously entered by the court will be reinstated.
- **Do nothing:** If the parties take no action and the 90 days pass, the divorce/legal separation action will proceed and all temporary orders will be reinstated.

### Stipulation and Order Dismissing Divorce/Legal Separation (FA-4143)

This form is used when both parties agree to dismiss or end the pending divorce/legal separation action. If the parties dismiss the action and later choose to divorce or legally separate, they must file a new action and again pay all the required fees.

#### Court Related Offices

**Court Self-Help Center**  
Courthouse, Room C-108  
262-548-7524

**Child Support Agency**  
Administration Building,  
Room 348  
262-548-7420

**Clerk of Courts**  
Family Court Office  
Courthouse, Room C-112  
262-548-7544

**Open:** Mon 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Wed 12 pm - 4 pm  
Fri 8:30 am - 4 pm  
Tues & Thurs by Appointment only

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**Waukesha County Courthouse, 515 W. Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188**

Copies can be made in the Court Self-Help Center for \$.25 per page

## Procedural Checklist

1. ☐ Complete either the **Stipulation and Order Suspending Proceedings** or the **Stipulation and Order Dismissing Divorce/Legal Separation**.
2. ☐ Go to the Court Self-Help Center to have your form reviewed for completeness.
3. ☐ Make three (3) copies of the completed original **Stipulation and Order**. Make an additional copy if the State of Wisconsin (Child Support Agency) is a party to the action.
4. ☐ Prepare two (2) self-addressed stamped envelopes (one addressed to you and one addressed to your spouse) so the court can send each party a copy of the **Stipulation and Order** after the judge has signed it. If the State of Wisconsin (Child Support Agency) is a party, prepare one unstamped envelope addressed to the Child Support Agency.
5. ☐ Mail or deliver the original, copies, and self-addressed stamped envelopes to the court. The judge will review, sign, and have a signed copy returned to you.
6. ☐ If you requested a:
  - a. **Dismissal**: There is nothing more you need to do. Your divorce/legal separation has been dismissed.
  - b. **Suspension**: The 90 day suspension begins the date the judge signs the order. During the 90 day suspension you may:
    - i. **Reconcile** and complete the form to dismiss the divorce (Complete the **Stipulation and Order Dismissing Divorce/Legal Separation** and repeat #'s 1-4 above).
    - ii. **End** the suspension and continue with the divorce/legal separation.
      1. ☐ Complete the **Motion and Order to Revoke Suspension of Proceedings to Effect Reconciliation** form. All temporary orders will resume upon signature of the court.
      2. ☐ Make three (3) copies of the completed original **Motion and Order to Revoke Suspension of Proceedings to Effect Reconciliation**. Make an additional copy if the State of Wisconsin (Child Support Agency) is a party to the action.
      3. ☐ Prepare two (2) self-addressed stamped envelopes (one addressed to you and one addressed to your spouse) so the court can send each party a copy of the **Motion and Order to Revoke Suspension of Proceedings to Effect Reconciliation** after the judge has signed it. If the State of Wisconsin (Child Support Agency) is a party, prepare one unstamped envelope addressed to the Child Support Agency.
      4. ☐ Mail or deliver the original, copies, and self-addressed stamped envelopes to the court. The judge will review, sign, and have a signed copy returned to you.
    - iii. **Do nothing**, and after the 90 days ends ask the court how to proceed with the action (refer back to your **Basic Guide to Divorce/Legal Separation** for how to proceed).

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Enter the name of the county in which this case is filed.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT,

COUNTY

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Enter the name of the petitioner. If joint petitioners, enter the name of the wife.

In re the marriage of:

**Petitioner/Joint Petitioner-Wife:**

First name Middle name Last name

and

**Respondent/Joint Petitioner-Husband:**

First name Middle name Last name

Enter the name of the respondent. If joint petitioners, enter the name of the husband.

Enter the case number.

**Stipulation and Order  
Suspending Proceedings to  
Effect Reconciliation**

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**STIPULATION**

**IT IS STIPULATED THAT:**

1. This proceeding and any temporary orders be suspended for a period of not more than 90 days without prejudice to our legal rights.
2. Upon reconciliation, we will complete and file a **Stipulation and Order Dismissing Divorce/Legal Separation** form with the Clerk of Courts.
3. Either of us may end the suspension and proceed with the divorce by completing and filing a **Motion and Order Terminating Suspension of Proceedings to Effect Reconciliation** form with the Clerk of Courts.
4. If neither of us takes action by the end of this suspension, the action will automatically resume and the court shall proceed as though no reconciliation was attempted.
5. Warrants:  
**A.** ☐ There are **no** outstanding warrants to arrest issued in this action.  
**B.** ☐ There are outstanding warrants to arrest issued in this action.  
**Explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parties may use standard form number FA-4143.

Parties may use standard form number FA-4145

Check A or B. If B, describe the warrant that has been issued in this case.

The wife must sign and print her name.

Enter the date on which the wife signed.

**Note:** This signature does not need to be notarized.

Signature

Print or Type Name

Date

The husband must sign  
and print his name.

Enter the date on which  
the husband signed.

**Note:** This signature does  
not need to be notarized.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### State of Wisconsin, Child Support Agency

- ☐ Approved  
☐ Not Approved  
☐ Not Required

If either party is receiving  
public assistance or there is  
a caseworker from the  
Child Support Agency  
assigned to your case, you  
must take this agreement to  
the Child Support Agency  
in your county for their  
approval.

If not, mark not required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## ORDER

### IT IS ORDERED:

1. All proceedings and orders are suspended.
2. The parties may resume living together as husband and wife.
3. The action is suspended for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of this order, without prejudice to the legal rights of either party.
4. Either party may move to revoke the suspension by completing and filing a **Motion and Order Terminating the Suspension to Effect Reconciliation** with the Clerk of Court.
5. If the parties reconcile, they shall notify the Clerk of Courts in writing and have the above divorce action dismissed by the court. Dismissal of this action shall be accomplished by submitting a **Stipulation and Order Dismissing Divorce/Legal Separation**.
6. If no action is taken by either party following the end of this suspension, the action shall proceed as though no reconciliation period was attempted.

### BY THE COURT:

**For Court Use Only**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Enter the name of the county in which this case is filed.	<b>STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT,</b> _____ <b>COUNTY</b>	<i>For Official Use</i>
Enter the name of the petitioner. If joint petitioners, enter the name of the wife.	In re the marriage of: <b>Petitioner/Joint Petitioner-Wife:</b> _____ First name Middle name Last name	
Enter the name of the respondent. If joint petitioners, enter the name of the husband.	and <b>Respondent/Joint Petitioner-Husband:</b> _____ First name Middle name Last name	
Enter the case number.	Case No. _____	

**Stipulation and Order  
Dismissing Divorce/Legal  
Separation**

**STIPULATION**

**IT IS STIPULATED THAT:**

1. The above parties have reconciled.
2. This action may be dismissed without further costs to either of the parties.
3. An order may be entered without notice to either of the parties.
4. Any income assignment shall end when the state has been paid in full. The state reserves the right to collect on any debts owed to it.

**5. Warrants:**

- A.** ☐ There are **no** outstanding warrants to arrest issued in this action.  
**B.** ☐ There are outstanding warrants to arrest issued in this action. **Explain:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The wife must sign and print her name.
Enter the date on which the wife signed.
<b>Note:</b> This signature does not need to be notarized.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The husband must sign  
and print his name.

Enter the date on which  
the husband signed.

**Note:** This signature does  
not need to be notarized.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**State of Wisconsin, Child Support Agency**

- ☐ Approved  
☐ Not Approved  
☐ Not Required

If either party is receiving  
public assistance or there  
is a caseworker from the  
Child Support Agency  
assigned to your case, you  
must take this agreement  
to the Child Support  
Agency in your county for  
their approval.

If not, mark not required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ORDER**

**IT IS ORDERED**, that this action is dismissed without further costs to either of the parties.

**BY THE COURT:**

**For Court Use Only**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Motion and Order To  
Revoke Suspension of  
Proceedings to Effect  
Reconciliation**

**MOTION**

1. A **Suspension to Effect Reconciliation of Proceedings** was ordered.
2. I move the court to revoke the suspension and proceed with the action.

Sign and print your name.
Enter the date on which you signed your name.
<b>Note:</b> You must send a copy of this Motion to the other party before you file it with the court.
<b>Note:</b> This signature does not need to be notarized.

_____
Signature
_____
Print or Type Name
_____
Date

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The suspension is revoked.
2. All previous temporary orders are reinstated.
3. Both parties shall appear as scheduled for any further proceedings.

**BY THE COURT:**

<b>For Court Use Only</b>
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_____
Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner
_____
Print or Type Name
_____
Date